(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is working on India's first formal anti spam law in order to enable net users to get rid of net nuisance; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) As per the study conducted on Internet Security by one of the International industry leader, 76% of e-mail messages originating in India amounts to spam. However, this is only 1% to total spam e-mail messages generated worldwide.

(b) and (c) Section 43 & 66 of the Information Technology Act, 2000 provides a legal framework to check spam and unsolicited e-mail in the country. Further a Bill to amend Information Technology Act, 2000 was introduced in the Parliament on 15th December, 2006 to strengthen the legal framework and provisions pertaining to cyber crimes including spam in the principal Act.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Availability of Uranium in Ladakh

†1010. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that scientists have claimed the availability of uranium in the ice-covered areas of Ladakh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that after testing the samples taken from the rocks of Ladakh areas in the German laboratory, availability of uranium in heavy quantity here has been confirmed; and

(c) if so, the extent of time required for comprehensive information about getting uranium and starting mining in this area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) The scientists of the Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD), a constituent unit of the Department of Atomic Energy, have participated for 3 years during 1973-75 in Puga-Chumathang multi-purpose multi-disciplinary project of the Geological Survey of India (GSI), Ladakh area. Detailed investigations have been carried out near Chumathang area. AMD has reported low grade uranium mineralization in association with fluorite mineralization in a shear zone from Chumathang area. Grab samples (whole rock) have been analyzed and found to contain up to 0.021% U_3O_8.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Indo-Russian deal in atomic energy

†1011. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement was signed between India and Russia in the past

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

months for providing assistance to generate atomic energy in India;

(b) if so, the date on which this agreement was signed;

(c) whether talks were held during the Prime Minister's recent visit to Russia for implementation of this agreement;

(d) if so, the facts in this regard;

(e) whether agreement or talks with other organizations of the world is necessary for implementation of above agreement; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) During the visit of President Putin of the Russian Federation to India during January 2007, it was agreed to expand Indo-Russian co-operation in the field of atomic energy. A Memorandum of intent between the Department of Atomic Energy, the Government of the Republic of India and Federal Atomic Energy Agency, the Russian Federation, on development of cooperation in the construction of 4 additional nuclear power plant units at Kudankulam site as well as in the construction of Russian design nuclear power plants at new sites in the Republic of India was signed on 25.1.2007 during the visit.

(c) and (d) Discussions are taking place for finalizing the Inter Governmental Agreement (IGA) between Russia and India.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. Any Agreement for civil nuclear co-operation with a country that is a member of Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) can be implemented only after NSG exemption for India.

Nuclear power plant in Orissa

1012. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a site has been identified by the Centre for setting up a 6,000 mw nuclear power plant in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it would be the largest nuclear power plant in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir. While the Site Selection Committee (SSC) of the Government has evaluated the potential of sites in different States including Orissa, no decision has been taken.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.